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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/840,124

**Applicant(s)**

SIMPSON ET AL.

**Examiner**

Charles A. Fox

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 11-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webster in view of Koepe, Jr. et al. Regarding claim 11 Webster US 4,111,321 teaches a loading device for a truck comprising:

a telescoping hook lift arm (13) with a pivotal jib member (14);

said jib pivoting about a support member as well as being longitudinally movable relative to said support member;

wherein said support member is pivotal about a rear of the truck the device is mounted upon;

body locks (29) on the device to cooperate with lugs on a container to lock the container to the vehicle;

wherein said locks maintain the rear of the container at a predetermined position relative the rear of the vehicle, no matter what length container is used;

a hydraulic control system for controlling the movement of all portions of the device, said system including automatically controlled switches for restricting hydraulic fluid flow. Webster does not teach the lugs on the container as actuating a switch to restrict fluid flow to a cylinder. Koepe, Jr. et al. US 5,864,103 teaches using a limit switch to restrict fluid flow to a hydraulic cylinder based on the movement between a

container (1) and a predetermined stopping point. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention to provide the device taught by Webster with a limit switch as taught by Koeppel Jr. et al. in order to automatically stop the container at a predetermined position by stopping extension of the hydraulic actuator when the container has reached said predetermined spot.

Regarding claim 2 Webster teaches placing a tab on each side of the container to mate with a lock on each side of the vehicle.

Regarding claims 12 and 13 Webster teaches placing the stops on the container such that the container extends a predetermined distance from the rear of the hoist, no matter what size container is used.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

The amendments to the claims filed on January 16, 2008 have been entered into the record. The amendments have rendered the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections moot and they are hereby withdrawn.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed January 16, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the Webster device does not dump a container, but they are directed to figure 3 in which the device is in a position for tipping a container. While they do not call it dumping, the tipping of the container will dump its content behind the vehicle. As such Webster teaches a vehicle that operates to perform the same task as the instant invention, just without a limit switch, which is taught by the secondary reference. As such the rejection is deemed proper and hereby made final.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles A. Fox whose telephone number is 571-272-6923. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-4:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saul Rodriguez can be reached on 571-272-7097. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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